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Dear Sirs:

One example of Microsoft's detrimental business practices--for consumers--is what they have done to Web TV. What started out as a promising advancement for web access in the mid '90s--especially for those who didn't want to buy a computer in order to explore the world wide web--was snuffed out when Microsoft bought WebTv and then did not develop it in any way. It is years behind in its non ability to incorporate Java and Shockwave technologies. A promising technology that could have challenged Microsoft Window's utility--or Apple, or IBM for that matter--was bought by Microsoft in order that it could be controlled and not allowed to develop into something would have put the web at the finger tips of millions of people. Microsoft saw a threat and eliminated it. This is just one of many examples of what Microsoft has done to STIFLE competition.

Technology suffers. And access for many is still out of reach.

The penalty for monopolizing a market should be stiff. It should not further benefit the criminal--by establishing a more powerful position in the education market, for example.

thank you for your time,

sincerely,

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